

Year of Induction: 2020

Category – Prominent Persons

Russell Whitechurch Vic



Club Activities

Russell has been a member of Dogs Victoria since 1995, he is passionate about gundog training, helping people and supporting Retrieving Trials. He is currently a committee member of both the Gippsland Retrieving Club and GSP Club Vic and is involved in managing and running retrieving trials with both clubs.

He energetically participates in committee meetings and activities and goes out of his way to ensure committee and retrieving trial issues are attended to in a timely manner, such as seeking judges and obtaining game for our retrieving trials, he also acquires and stores game for several other clubs.

Russell has also been an active member of the Labrador Retrieving Club and Central Highlands Working Gundog Club Retrieving subcommittees involved with organising and managing retrieving trials throughout Victoria.

Trial- Judging/Stewarding/Managing

Russell is an enthusiastic participant in the trialing scene including stewarding and trial management. He has been involved in the management of trials over many years including the popular Easter trials which are very demanding and require a great deal of pre trial organisation, coordination and preparation.

Russell is the first person to ask judges if they need assistance in setting up runs and/or require help with preparing and starting competitions. He regularly assists with setting runs, gun stewarding or game management.

Owner/Breeding

Russell has owned and trained Labrador Retrievers since 1992, many of his dogs have competed successfully at the highest level of retrieving competitions including State and National Championships. He has bred Labrador Retrievers under his Tockatunga Kennel name, and many successful Labrador Retrievers in the Retrieving domain can be traced back to Russell breeding programs.

Russell has bred and owned many Retrieving State Champions and National Champions, currently he owns and competes with three Labrador Retrievers two of these are National Retrieving Champions and one is a Retrieving Champion.

Handling/Trial History

Russell has won eight (8) National Retrieving Championships in the period from 2004 to 2019.

2004 Adderslot Crackers Trigga
2007 NTL RT CH Adderslot Crackers Trigga
2014 RT CH Adderslot Chief
2015 Nat RT Ch Adderslot Chief
2016 14, 15 Nat RT Ch Adderslot Chief
2017 14,15,16 Nat RT Ch Adderslot Chief
2018 RT Ch Adderslot Maggie May DM
2019 14,15,16,17 Nat Gr RT Ch Adderslot Chief CM DM

Russell has also won eight (8) State Retrieving Championships

Victoria - 1995, 1997, 2000, 2016, 2018
South Australia - 2008
Queensland - 2015
NSW – 2019

Other

Russell spends many hours studying and training gundogs to the highest retrieving standards and has unique understanding of animals and their behavior. He is a great supporter of the sport and of the people who seek to participate at all levels of retrieving competitions

Russell willingly and generously gives advice and assistance to anyone with training requests and problems or who are seeking guidance with issues relating to training retrievers to enable them to achieve their objectives. He has organised and presented gundog training seminars in several States of Australia and interacts with international dog trainers.

Russell is an asset to the Retrieving community.

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